SIGURD ANDERSON
GOVERNOR

PIERRE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, while observance of the anniversary of our flag's adoption by the Continental Congress has thus far through the years been confined to June 14 each year, I heartily concur in the idea of extending the period of observance to an entire week, during which the citizens of this great, free land may be given the opportunity to pay homage to this symbol of the greatest republic that ever flourished on the earth since governments were born; and

WHEREAS, all about us the nations of the earth, oppressed and crushed in body, mind and soul by dictators and kings for centuries, have been indoctrinated with the vicious ideology of communism, which is the opening wedge for anarchy and chaos. A vast cross section of the world, in fact, has succumbed to the tyranny of this soul-destroying philosophy; and

WHEREAS, our flag is the symbol of all our most cherished traditions, as well as of our majesty and might. It is our most priceless heritage, the epitome of our most cherished traditions, the preserver of all our "Ancient Landmarks", and will always be the guardian and defender of the weak and oppressed until the end of time;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sigurd Anderson, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 8th to the 14th, 1953, as

FLAG WEEK

in South Dakota, and urge that this transcendent emblem of our country be flown each day from public buildings, flag poles, private housetops and their porches and vestibules. May its benevolent symbolism, its inspiration and its great achievements be extolled in public school rooms and higher institutions of learning; in churches and chambers of justice and, above all, may the sacred "Pledge to the Flag" be read, re-read and committed to memory in every home both here in South Dakota and in all America.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed, this 1st day of June, 1953.

SIGURD ANDERSON
Governor

ATTEST:

SHARON CHRISTY
Secretary of State

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